

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, replace the first paragraph with the amended paragraph as follows:

This application is a continuation of International PCT/EP02/027620 filed on July 9, 2002, and which claims priority from Patent Application Serial No. 01/09581 filed in France on July 17, 2001, ~~the entire contents of which is hereby incorporated by reference.~~

Page 9, replace the first full paragraph beginning at line 9, with the amended paragraph as follows:

**DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

Figure 1 shows diagrammatically a radial sectional profile of a rim 1 according to the invention. The rim consists of two flanges 2, 3 at the outer ends, connected to the groove 4 by the bead seats 5, 6. The orientation of the flanges 2 and 3 is substantially parallel to the circumferential mid-plane. The bead seats 5 and 6 form an angle b of about 20° with a line a that is parallel to the axis of rotation of about 20°. The groove 4 consists, on the one hand, of a groove bottom 7 and two side walls 8, 9, unusually inclined by comparison with ordinary rims for bicycles. These walls 8 and 9 according to the invention are constructed in two parts in the representation of Figure 1; first, lower parts 8b, 9b which form an angle of about 30° and are centered on the circumferential mid-plane and second parts or upper parts 8a, 9a which form an angle of about 65° and are centered on the circumferential mid-plane. The flanges further possess, in the upper part, hooks which form an overhang towards the inside of the rim of 0.5 mm with respect to the plane of the flanges at the hooking point of the said hooks.